



*The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts*

# The Tolland Tattler

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JULY 2004

*Tolland Volunteer Fire Department's*  
B.B.Q. & Dance at the  
Firehouse - Colebrook River Rd

## 10th ANNUAL BARBECUE & DANCE

Saturday July 17

*Featuring The Chapparells Band, 8:00 - midnight*

*Live music- good food - prizes, and cash bar!*

Dinner served from 6-8pm

Steak Dinner-\$17.50 Dance only-\$5.

Kids Meal - \$10.00

(Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & all the fixin's)

- *No dinner tickets will be sold after 7/15/2004*

Tickets available by calling **258-4251** or **258-4591** or send  
form and check to Tolland Volunteer Fire Dept.  
at 162 Colebrook River Road, Tolland MA 01034

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF DINNER TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ at \$17.50 ea =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Open for bidding..

1. The Town of Tolland is offering for sale to the highest bidder a 1989 CHEVROLET BUS. The vehicle may be inspected at the town garage. The vehicle will be sold as is. Bids will be accepted at the Town Hall at 241 West Granville Road until 6pm on July 26, 2004, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject all bids if deemed to be in their best interest.

2. The Town of Tolland is also offering for sale to the highest bidder a 1988 FORD BRONCO. This vehicle also can be inspected at the town garage. The vehicle will be sold as is. Bids will be accepted at the Town Hall at 241 West Granville Road until 6pm on July 26, 2004, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject all bids if deemed to be in their best interest.

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### Selectmen's Responsibilities

#### ERIC R. MUNSON JR.

Visiting Nurse  
Adm. Assistant  
Assessors  
Building Department  
Tax Collector  
Tattler  
Town Clerk  
Treasurer  
Accounting Officer  
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Historical Commission  
Plumbing Inspector  
Finance Committee  
Veteran's Service Adm.  
Council on Aging  
Garage/Emerg.. Service Complex

#### JAMES DEMING

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Cemeteries  
Conservation Commission  
Animal Inspector  
Planning Board  
Zoning Board  
Regional School  
Recreation Committee

#### WESLEY GREEN II

Library  
Public Works  
Emerg. Mgmt.  
Police Dep't.  
911 Acct.  
Compactor  
Fire Dep't.

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Open Space Plan Meeting: July 14th 5 - 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

There will be a meeting to discuss community and citizen input and response to the Open Space Plan being developed for Tolland by the University of Massachusetts (paid for by the State). The Plan reflects priorities of citizens as defined in the Open Space Survey that 40+ residents recently completed.

Survey results and a draft of the proposed Open Space Plan will be available by June 25th on the website, at the Tolland Library and at Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen have sponsored this activity. If adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission following citizen comment, Tolland will then be eligible to apply for grants for the purchase of land for Open Space, recreation, etc.

A notice will be posted when the draft Open Space Plan is available.

*Thank you.,*

Ad Hoc Open Space Planning Committee: Jim Deming, Sue Voudren and Gloria Gery.

From the Board of Selectmen

The Selectmen have had several requests for the placement of flags on our telephone poles along Route 57. The Board voted unanimously to proceed with the purchase and placement of the flags.

It is the hope of the Selectmen that individuals and businesses would be interested in sponsoring flags. The town will recognize each sponsor at the Town Hall. The cost of one flag is \$20.00.

The Historical Commission has offered to fund the initial purchase of the flags, with the understanding that they will be reimbursed.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME TO BE RECOGNIZED: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make Checks payable to the Tolland Historical Commission.*

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What was the buzz about Saturday June 5th?

BLACK FLY DAY! Our 9th Annual Black Fly Day was a great success. The day started with our Black Fly Day Parade, presided over by our Black Fly Day King and Queen, Smokey Bear, fire trucks, tractors, emergency vehicles, classic cars, children in costume, and Toolie and Tootsie, the clowns. The raffle, silent auction, children's auction, vendors and food booth were kept busy throughout the day. The 37th Mass. Volunteer Militia's Encampment was in the field across from the green. Everyone enjoyed the music of "You No Good Buddies" brought to us by Dan Daniels, and the strolling "The Berkshire Hillsmen", a Barber Shop Group.

Black Fly Day is "Fun for Funds". The event is run 100% by volunteers and all proceeds will be distributed to non-profit groups; Granville-Tolland Citizen's Scholarship Committee, Granville-Tolland Lions Club, and the Sandisfield Historical Society.

The Black Fly Day Committee would like to thank the Bonadies family, Good & Hutchinson and the Tolland Congregational Church for the use of their properties. And last but not least, all our wonderful guests, the people and businesses who donated silent auction & raffle items, and the many volunteers that gave their time.

*Black Fly Day Souvenirs are still available:* we have T Shirts - Adult sizes at \$10.00 each, Children sizes at \$8.00 each, Coffee Mugs - \$3.50, Hats - \$10.00 and Soaps - \$3.00.

*Hope to see you next year on June 4, 2005 - same time/same place!*

Your comments or suggestions are always welcome. For more information about next year, contact Sue Voudren at 258-3333 or [svoudren@vgernet.net](mailto:svoudren@vgernet.net)

News about [www.tolland-ma.gov](http://www.tolland-ma.gov)

Correction: The link name was wrong in the May Tattler. It is [www.tolland-ma.gov](http://www.tolland-ma.gov).

Links to Neighboring Towns: there are no direct links to the websites of 20 neighboring towns including Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Springfield, Southwick, Westfield, Springfield, Hartford, Torrington and Waterbury. You can get to the list by clicking on the Useful Links menu and select Neighboring Towns. If you don't see a town you would like linked, let us know.

Building Department Forms and Information: All Building Department forms have been revised and are now available online as pdf or Word documents. Save time and effort by accessing them online. They are organized by kind of project and alphabetically. Lists and contact information of various inspectors, inspection requirements, etc. are also available.

#### Meeting Minutes:

- Selectmen's and Planning Board Meeting Minutes will be posted the day after the meeting at which they are approved. Sign up to receive posting notice by clicking on email subscription and select the list of interest to you.
- The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee Minutes and Library Trustees meeting minutes are currently posted.
- More will come later as Tolland gets "more digital"

#### Automatic Email Subscription Options

- More than 25 people are signed up for automatic notification of News and Announcements to get information on Town Meetings, Issues, Election Results and Activities and Council on Aging events. Sign up today.
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Your Feedback: Send any ideas or feedback via the Feedback link on the site. If you see any errors or problems, we're happy to know about them too.

*Gloria Gery, Web Director*

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*This newsletter is partially funded by:  
The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.*

## *Save these important dates for fun and celebration.*

These are posted on the Town Calendar. More detail will follow.

- July 4th, Sunday - Granville Chicken Barbecue on the Town Green 12:00-2:30 p.m. \$7.00 for adults \$3.00 for under twelve. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- July 4th, Sunday - Tunxis vs. Tolland Softball Game. At the Tunxis Club Ball field. 1:39 p.m. Kids Game. 2:30 P.M. Adult game.
- July 17th, Saturday: Tolland Fire Department's 10th Annual Barbecue and Dance Featuring The Chapparells Band Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Music and dancing: 8:00 p.m. til midnight.  
Live Music, good food, prizes, cash bar.  
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to and make check out to Tolland Volunteer Fire Dept. at  
162 Colebrook River Road, Tolland, MA 01034
- August 29th, Sunday. Tolland Ladies Luncheon at The Tunxis Club. 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Reservations necessary. Please call Todd Simonds, House Manager, to make reservations. 258-4875
- Sunday, September 5th: Tolland vs. Tunxis Club Softball Game at the Tunxis Ball field. 12:30 p.m. Kids game. 2 p.m. Adult game.
- September 4th, 5th and 6th Granville, MA 250th Birthday Celebration.  
Special events throughout the Labor Day Weekend. Details to be announced.
- Tunxis vs. Tolland Softball Game: At the Tunxis Club Ball field. 2 p.m.
- October 9th, 10th and 11th Granville Harvest Fair. Events, booths, food and fun all Columbus Day weekend. Details to be announced.

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## *The Tolland Congregational Church* Sunday services



The Tolland Congregational Church on the Green will be conducting Sunday services, starting on July 11th and ending on August 29th, 2004.

Services will begin at 10:30 am.

*All are welcome.*

## Veteran's Corner

I would like to share a story with you my readers. As you know this office has an on going drive to support our injured troops in Washington D. C. Recently, we sent a shipment of donations from our community to our contact in D. C. Lt. Commander Susan Davis. She brought our donations to the hospital. (This shipment was about 8 boxes), She has a sailor there at the hospital who has a lot of physical problems. He is able to get around in a wheel chair. I might add that he has been there since last summer. Anyway, he helps our contact distribute all the donations to our injured soldiers. This shipment had many items that were collected at GOODFELLAZ GRILL & BREW in Feeding Hills, as well as other places. In talking to the management there, they had a lot of contractors and regulars who made donations. Some of the donations were new company construction T- shirts and work gloves, amongst an assortment of other things. Well, to get back to our sailor in the wheel chair as he was going thru the boxes passing things out to our injured soldiers, he came across the work gloves. He stopped and asked if he could keep them. Then he tells his story how he lives in a trailer in the middle of nowhere and he and his family have 7 horses and these are the same kind of gloves he would wear when he worked in the barn and when he rode the horses. (Because of his injuries, he may never ride again.) He took the gloves and attached them to the head board of his bed. This was his reminder of home in better days.

There were other stories that were told to me. One was that one of the local construction companies donated some construction T- shirts with the company logo on them. The Marines that were injured had to go to therapy every day. They were in pain from their injuries and they would sweat heavily. They loved the manly construction T-shirts. Anything was better than the hospital "JONNYS".

The point I am going for is that Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Tolland have touched unknown veterans, in a far away hospital by them donating their gifts. Our injured soldiers are so grateful to all of you. They bare the scars of war a little better because of the donations WE as communities have given to them. They Thank all of you for thinking of them.....

As I have been asked again and again " When will you stop collecting donations for the soldiers?" My answer is... "When there are no more injured soldiers to care for"..... Please continue to show your support. Help me put a smile in an injured soldiers face. THANK YOU!

*Ed Kellogg*

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*The Ladies of Tolland are invited to*  
**The Tolland Ladies' Luncheon**  
**Sunday, August 29th, 11:00am**

*at the*  
**The Tunxis Clubhouse.**

Reservations necessary...please call Todd Simonds,  
House Manager, to make reservations.

**258-4875**

## The Tolland Library

Welcome to the summer season and the decline of the Black Fly! Time to spend some of those late light hours reading on the porch or in the hammock. Maybe take part in the reading challenge detailed below. We have a lot of new items in for all age groups.

- The Master Quilter by Jennifer Chiaverini the third in the quilter series
- Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann Ross the first in the Miss Julia series  
(we have four of the next in the series)
- Angels & Demons and The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- Many new titles from the Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osbourne

Now that the Black Flies are dying off, spend some time outdoors. We have a few new books about hikes in our area. Take a hike and take a field guide with you to identify what you see.

- Hikes and Walks in the Berkshire Hills by Lauren R. Stevens
- Best Hikes with Children in Connecticut, Massachusetts & Rhode Island by Cynthia C. Lewis and Thomas J. Lewis
- Discover the Berkshires of Massachusetts: AMC Guide to the Best Hiking, Biking, and Paddling by Charles W.G. Smith and Susan A. Smith
- Peterson Field Guides to Eastern Forests by John Kricher and Gordon Morrison

We have two new additions to the collection at the library. We have the first DVDs. This is a trial experiment. We are testing durability and interest. Our first DVDs are:

- Master and Commander
- The Last Unicorn (animated)
- Cheaper by the Dozen (original version)

We also have the beginnings of a music library through a generous donation from the state. We have been given a variety of cds. Everything from the Supremes to Shostakovich.

I would like to make a public thanks to William McKay for serving on the Tolland Public Library's Board of Trustees. I appreciate all of his help and intense interest in the library and its success. Thanks you Mr. McKay! I would also like to welcome Penny Babbitt as the new member of the Board of Trustees.

My most sincere thanks go to Shirley Warner and her committee for organizing the benefit dance for the Library on May 15th. Those of us that went had a terrific time and left with some great books. Sorry the rest of you missed it.

All of the school summer reading lists are in for the whole district. We have all of the books ready and waiting for you.

Your school summer reading books can count to the list. Your award will of course be a book. Think how many books you could have by the end of the summer!

The challenge to the adults is to pick up a few young adult books and see what your kids are reading. I have a special selection put aside of the very best young adult authors. You might be surprised by what your kids are taking in.



The Tolland Library (continued)

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*Lilli's Book Review* – I like Magic Tree House and A-Z Mysteries because they have lots of adventure and they inspire me to read more of them. I have read 7 A-Z Mysteries and 15 Magic Tree House. My favorite Magic Tree House is Summer of the Sea Serpent and my favorite A-Z is The Unwilling Umpire. *Lillian Kelmelis (age 7)*

*Review a book for us and we will put it in the Tattler and on the website!*

Come see us. There is so much in this little building

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Tolland Council on Aging - *Gentle Yoga Class Begins July 7*

The Tolland COA invites Tolland seniors and others of any age and from any town to come to the annual summer Gentle Yoga Class beginning on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at the Tolland Town Hall, 241 W. Granville Rd. (Rte. 57), Tolland at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A small donation is requested. The class will run for at least 6 weeks.

Yoga is a form of exercise that helps stretch and strengthen muscles and release overall body tension. Sally Barber of the Westfield Yoga Center is teaching the class which can accommodate persons of various levels of experience in yoga including beginners. It can also accommodate persons with disabilities including those who need to sit in a chair rather than get down on the floor on mats. This class has been offered by the Tolland COA for the last four summers.

Those interested in participating can contact Sue Kaufman, Yoga Class Coordinator, at (413) 258-4282 or Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095, for further information or can simply come to the class. Drop-ins are welcome at any class. Please bring a pillow and a blanket. This class is funded through a grant from the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

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## *Summer Picnic at Wildwood*

Wednesday, July 21  
11:am to 3pm

Tolland's COA is sponsoring a Summer Picnic at Wildwood on Wednesday, July 21st, from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Entertainment, including music, swimming, canoeing, horse shoes, volleyball and shuffleboard will be available.

Those attending are asked to bring either a casserole, salad, veggies or a dessert for eight. Non-alcoholic beverages, ham, utensils and paper goods will be supplied. Your favorite lawn chair would come in handy, although some lawn chairs will be available.

*Please R.S.V.P. by July 14th to Gert McKay at 258-336.*



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## *Sandisfield Arts Center*

### CHRISTINE LAVIN TO APPEAR AT SANDISFIELD ARTS CENTER JULY 17

SANDISFIELD – On Saturday, July 17th at 8 P.M., Singer-songwriter, Christine Lavin, will perform at the Sandisfield Arts Center on Hammertown Road off Route 57 in Sandisfield. Tickets are \$20. Jeffrey Folmer, Sandisfield's own singer/songwriter, will open the show. For reservations, call (413) 258-8166. For more information, visit [www.sandisfieldartscenter.org](http://www.sandisfieldartscenter.org) <<http://www.sandisfieldartscenter.org>> .

Christine Lavin performs all over the US, Canada and Australia. In addition to playing her guitar and singing her award-winning songs, she tells stories, twirls glowing batons on-stage, and has most recently incorporated a digital phrase sampler into her live concert, enabling her to create improvised lyrics and intricate vocal harmonies on the fly.

### FREE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT SANDISFIELD ARTS CENTER

SANDISFIELD – On Sunday, July 25th at 2 P.M., Master puppeteer, Michael Wolski, performs at the Sandisfield Arts Center on Hammertown Road off Route 57 in Sandisfield. The program is offered free through the generous sponsorship of Berkshire Bank, The Fitzpatrick Family's High Meadow Foundation, and the Sandisfield and Monterey Cultural Councils.

In a fun-filled 40 minute show, Wolski, who makes his own puppets, shares the charming world of William K. Whiskers. One by one, Whiskers introduces us to many of his favorite friends. There's Isabelle, a tiny puppet who lives in a teakettle and bakes cookies, Billy Take The Garbage Out, a marionette who lives behind the fence with his dog, an old singing shoe and many others. Recycling is a prominent theme in Whisker's world. Children enjoy guessing what he creates from a discarded bucket, oven mitt, eggbeater and toilet plunger!

For directions and a calendar of events, visit [www.sandisfieldartscenter.org](http://www.sandisfieldartscenter.org).

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## *Granville Harvest Fair*

The 23rd annual Granville Harvest Fair will be held on Columbus Day weekend, October 9, 10, and 11, 2004. Applications for booth spaces are now available for artists and artisans to sell their homemade/handmade items during the fair.

*Mail your request for an application to:*

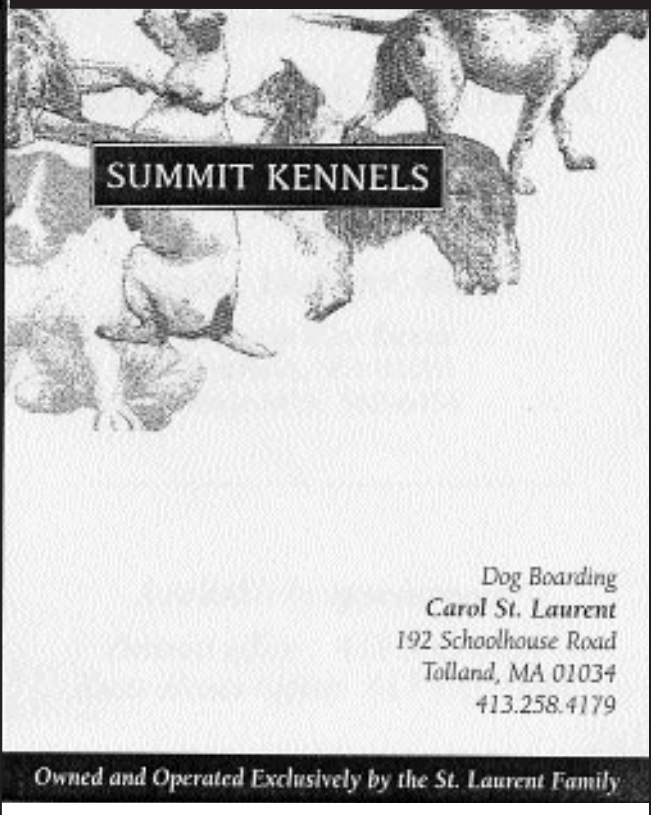
Granville Harvest Fair, P.O. Box 193, Granville, MA 01034-0193.

Indicate on the envelope for which location you would like to apply -

The Village School; the Public Library; The Federated Church;  
The Town Green; The Old Meeting House.

Enclose a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope for our reply. Thank you!

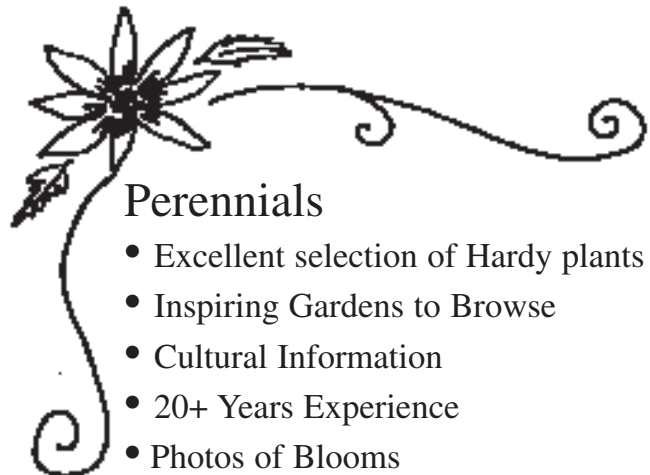
*Columbus Day Weekend, October 9,10, and 11*



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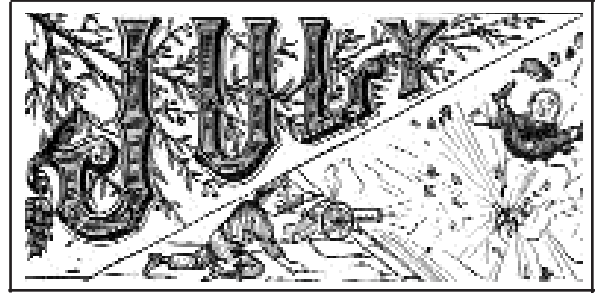
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Mon. & Thurs. - 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday - 8:00am to 12:00pm

*Town Clerk's and Assessor Clerk's hours:*

Mon. - 1:00-4:00 & 6:00 -7:00 pm



JULY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Library Hours: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm				1	2	3 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
4 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP  INDEPEN- DENCE DAY	5  INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAY - TOWN HALL CLOSED	6	7 5-7:00pm DUMP	8	9	10 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
11 3:00 -7:00 pm DUMP	12 5 - 6pm Building Insp. 6:00 Selectmen	13	14 5-7:00pm DUMP	15	16	17 9 - 11:00 am DUMP  FIRE DEP'T. 10th ANNUAL BBQ
18 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	19 7:00 Planning Board.	20	21 5-7:00pm DUMP	22	23	24 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
25 3:00 - 7:00 pm DUMP	26 5 - 6pm Building Insp. 6:00 Selectmen 7:00 Budget Hearing	27 6:30 Assessors	28 5-7:00pm DUMP	29	30	31 9 - 11:00 am DUMP

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